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SUBJECT: SADAT'S TRAVEL PLANS TO CAMP DAVID

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- 1. PRESIDENCY DIRECTOR HASSAN KAMEL HAS JUST CALLED TO SAY THAT SADAT WILL ADHERE TO ORIGINAL SCHEDULE, LEAVING CAIRO SEPTEMBER 4, OVERNIGHTING IN PARIS AND ARRIVING AT ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE AT 1400 SEPTEMBER 5.
- 2. IF FIRST DAY OF BAIRAM IS SEPTEMBER 3, SADAT WILL DEPART FROM CAIRO AT 1100 SEPTEMBER 4, ARRIVING PARIS AT 1600. IF, ON OTHER HAND, FIRST DAY OF BAIRAM COMES ON SEPTEMBER 4, SADAT WILL MAKE HIS BAIRAM PRAYERS EARLY IN THE MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 4 AND LEAVE FOR PARIS FROM ABU SUWAYR AIRBASE NEAR ISMAILIA AT 0800, ARRIVING PARIS AT 1300.
- 3. WITH REGARD TO ORDER OF ARRIVAL OF PRINCIPALS AT CAMP DAVID (PARA 1 B OF REF A), HASSAN KAMEL SAID GHORBAL HAD MENTIONED THIS QUESTION TO HIM. EGYPTIANS WISH TO STICK TO THE PROPER PROTOCOL ORDER WITH SADAT ARRIVING AT CAMP DAVID FIRST. KAMEL SAID THAT, IF CONFIDENTIAL

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NECESSARY, DEPARTURE FROM PARIS COULD BE ADVANCED ONE HALF HOUR SO AS TO ARRIVE AT ANDREWS AT 1330, IF THIS WOULD FACILITATE OUR PLANNING. HE ASKED THAT WE INFORM HIM WHAT TIME SADAT SHOULD ARRIVE AT ANDREWS IN ORDER TO ASSURE HIS ARRIVAL AT CAMP DAVID BEFORE BEGIN. PLEASE ADVISE

4. ALTHOUGH I HAD ALREADY INFORMED VICE PRESIDENT MUBARAK OF OUR AGREEMENT TO SADAT'S STAYING ON IN WASHINGTON FOR TWO DAYS AFTER CAMP DAVID ENDS, I REPEATED THIS INFORMATION TO KAMEL. HE IMMEDIATELY RESPONDED THAT THE PRESIDENT NOW PLANS TO DEFER DECISION ON WHETHER TO DO SO UNTIL AFTER HE ARRIVES AT CAMP DAVID. HOWEVER HE APPRECIATES OUR WILLINGNESS TO HAVE HIM STAY ON IF HE SO DESIRES. (TEL AVIV 11405, PARA 3, ARRIVED AFTER OUR CONVERSATION.) MATTHEWS

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